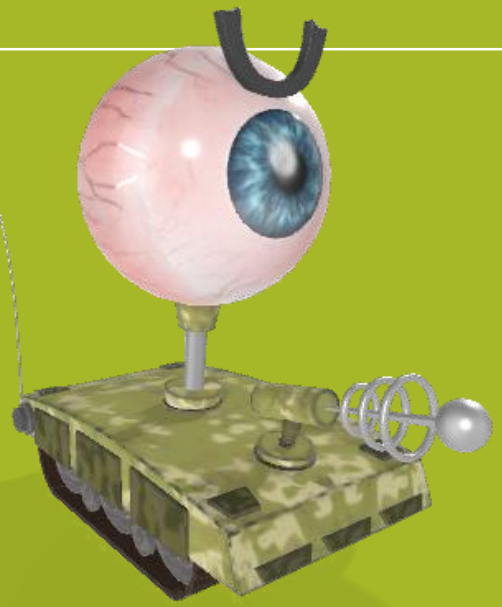

# STILLNESS

Be silent.

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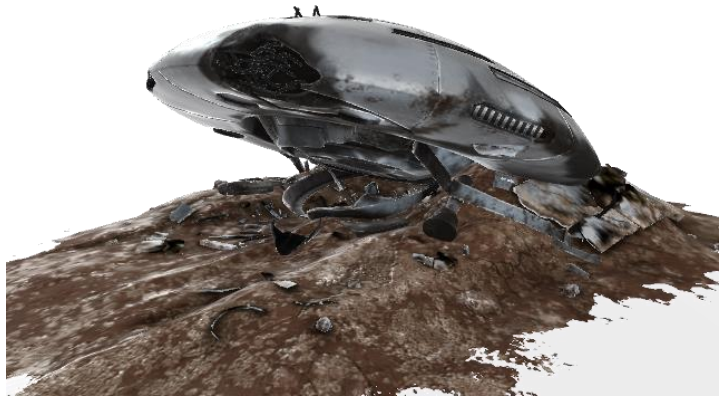

# Habakkuk 2:20

"But the LORD is in His holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Adan was the kind of boy who could not sit still in church.

He drew soldiers in the margins of the bulletin and wrote battle lines.
He hummed rap songs during the sermon and looked at his cellphone cartoons.
In addition, he tapped his shoes against the pew like he was marching into battle.

One Sunday, a visiting soldier sat beside him. The man wore a neat uniform and polished black shoes that shone like glass, but Adan's shoes were dirty from playing at the park.

After the service, Adan asked, "Why does everyone say God is holy?"

The soldier glanced at Adan's dirty shoes, then at his own polished ones.

**Zephaniah 1:7**
"Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near."

"See the difference?" he asked.

Adan nodded.

"You wouldn't walk into a formal office with garden shoes covered in mud," the soldier said. "Office shoes are clean and set apart for a different purpose."

He paused. "The Bible says, 'Be holy, for I am holy' (Leviticus 11:44). That means God is completely clean — not from dirty shoes, but from sin."

Adan wondered at the meaning of "God is Holy."

"In Isaiah 6:3," the soldier continued, "angels cry, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.' They repeat it three times because God's purity is perfect and complete."

# Zechariah 2:13

"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,
for He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling."

- "So holy means clean?" Adan asked.
- "More than that," the soldier said. "1 Samuel 2:2 says, 'There is no one holy like the Lord.' God is set apart from everything He made. He is different from us the way clean office shoes are different from muddy garden shoes — but infinitely more."
- He leaned closer.
- "We get dirty with sin. We lie. We disobey. But God is morally perfect. Exodus 15:11 says He is 'majestic in holiness.' Everything He does is right. His judgments are just. His love is pure."
- Adan looked at his muddy shoes again.
- Holiness is about sitting perfectly still when we are in church.
- It meant God is completely set apart, perfectly righteous, and utterly without sin.
- And for the first time, Adan understood why people treated God with reverence.
- There is no one like Him. No noise, no writing, no motion, no doodles, perfect silence.

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Here are clear (ESV) Bible passages that describe silence in the presence of God:

Microsoft 3D drawins

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1. Habakkuk 2:20

"But the LORD is in His holy temple;

let all the earth keep silence before Him."

This verse directly connects God's holiness with reverent silence.

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2. Zephaniah 1:7

"Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near."

Silence here expresses awe and solemn reverence before His judgment.

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